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◆ Branch Relief Societies (Best First Step)

- **Army Emergency Relief (AER)**
 866-878-6378
 www.armyemergencyrelief.org
 Interest-free loans & grants for soldiers/families.
- **Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS)**
 703-696-4904 or 800-654-8364
 www.nmcrs.org
 Interest-free loans & grants for sailors, Marines, retirees, and families.
- **Air Force Aid Society (AFAS)**
 703-972-2650
 www.afas.org
 Emergency financial help, especially for housing, food, car repair.
- **Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA)**
 703-875-0404 or 80-881-2462
 www.cgmahq.org
 Assistance for Coast Guard members and families.

◆ Broad Military & Veteran Nonprofits

- **Operation Homefront**
 210-659-7756
 www.operationhomefront.org
 Critical financial help (rent, food, utilities, car repair, housing).
- **USA Cares**
 800-773-0387
 www.usacares.org
 Emergency financial support for post-9/11 service members & veterans.
- **Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) – Unmet Needs Program**
 816-756-3390
 www.vfw.org/assistance
 One-time grants up to \$1,500 for basic life needs.
- **American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)**
 317-630-1200
 www.legion.org/financialassistance
 Help for military families with minor children.
- **Semper Fi & America's Fund**
 760-725-3680
 thefund.org
 Financial aid & support for wounded, ill, or injured service members.

◆ Housing, Rent & Utility Assistance

- Operation First Response
☎ 888-289-0280
🌐 www.operationfirstresponse.org
💡 Helps with rent, utilities, and food.
- Coalition to Salute America's Heroes
☎ 888-447-2588 Ext. 110 for aid
🌐 saluteheroes.org
💡 Assistance for post-9/11 combat-wounded veterans.
- Hope For The Warriors
☎ 877-246-7349
🌐 www.hopeforthewarriors.org
💡 Programs for financial wellness and transitional support.

◆ Food & Family Support

- Feeding America
☎ 800-771-2303
🌐 www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank
💡 Local food banks supporting military families.
- Soldiers' Angels
☎ 210-629-0020
🌐 soldiersangels.org
💡 Food distribution programs, especially for Guard & Reserve.
- Operation Once in a Lifetime
☎
🌐 operationonceinalifetime.com
💡 Emergency grants for unique financial hardships.
- Stronghold Food Pantry
☎ 913-303-8105 or contact@strongholdfoodpantry.org
🌐 www.strongholdfoodpantry.org
💡 Provides food support to service members, veterans, and families in need.














◆ Specialized Programs

- Code of Support Foundation – CASE Coordination
☎ 571-418-6339
🌐 codeofsupport.org
💡 Helps veterans navigate and connect to emergency resources.
- PenFed Foundation Military Heroes Fund
☎ military_heroes@penfed.org
🌐 penfedfoundation.org
💡 Emergency financial assistance for critical needs.
- Modest Needs Foundation
☎ 844-667-3776






⚡ **Tip:** Relief societies (AER, NMCRS, AFAS, CGMA) are usually the *fastest responders* if you're currently serving. For veterans, groups like Operation Homefront, VFW, USA Cares, and Semper Fi Fund are strong starting points.

Additional Beneficial Resources


◆ Crisis & Mental Health Support (Expanded)

- **Veterans Crisis Line**
 -  Dial 988, then Press 1
 -  24/7 confidential crisis support for veterans & service members.
- **Military OneSource**
 -  800-342-9647
 -  militaryonesource.mil
 -  Free counseling, financial planning, and resources for active duty, Guard, and Reserve.
- **Give an Hour**
 -  giveanhour.org
 -  Free confidential mental health services for veterans, service members, and families.
- **Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) – Talk Program**
 -  877-832-6997
 -  woundedwarriorproject.org
 -  Peer and professional mental health support.
- **Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)**
 -  800-959-8277
 -  taps.org
 -  24/7 support for families grieving the loss of a military loved one.

◆ Housing & Homelessness Prevention










- **HUD-VASH (HUD & VA Supportive Housing)**
 -  [HUD Home | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](https://www.hud.gov)
 -  Housing vouchers and support for homeless veterans.
- **National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV)**
 -  202-546-1969
 -  nchv.org
 -  Housing, job assistance, and support services for homeless veterans.

◆ Family & Caregiver Support











- **Elizabeth Dole Foundation – Hidden Heroes**
 -  hiddenheroes.org
 -  Resources and advocacy for military and veteran caregivers.

- **Blue Star Families**
 bluestarfam.org
 Community support, connection, and family readiness programs.

◆ General Resource Hubs

- **VA.gov**
 va.gov
 Centralized resource for healthcare, benefits, and claims.
- **National Resource Directory**
 nrd.gov
 Comprehensive database of services for wounded warriors, service members, veterans, and families.
- **211 (United Way)**
 Dial 211
 211.org
 Nationwide access to local emergency resources like food, shelter, and bill assistance.
- **Military Relief Societies Joint Page**
 armyemergencyrelief.org / nmcrs.org / afas.org / cgmahq.org
 Quick links to all service-specific aid organizations.

Top 10 Quick Contacts (Fast Reference)

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4. **Air Force Aid Society (AFAS)** –  703-972-2650
5. **Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA)** –  703-875-0404
6. **Operation Homefront** –  210-659-7756
7. **VFW – Unmet Needs Program** –  816-756-3390
8. **USA Cares** –  800-773-0387
9. **American Legion TFA** –  317-630-1200
10. **TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors)** –  800-959-8277